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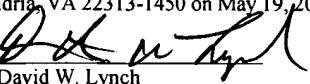
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MAGNETOSTRICTION CONTROL IN A FREELAYER OF A  
MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 23, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.